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**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ENERGY MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION SEEKS  
PROPOSALS FOR COLORADO FUEL CELL INITIATIVE**

**DENVER, CO December 9, 2004** –The Governor's Office of Energy Management and Conservation (OEMC), announced a solicitation for proposals from organizations with expertise in the emerging fuel cell industry to take the lead in fulfilling the State's goal to expand fuel cell related research, development, education, and commercial application in Colorado. This proposal is called the Colorado Fuel Cell Center. The proposals must demonstrate an actionable plan to realize that goal and specifically identify objectives and milestones for management, implementation, and achievement for the Colorado Fuel Cell Center.

OEMC shall provide a minimum contract amount of \$2,000,000 over a two-year contract term to the Colorado Fuel Cell Center. OEMC will fund the Colorado Fuel Cell Center with funds from the Petroleum Violation Escrow fund. The selected proposal must provide a minimum of \$1,000,000 in matching cash funds.

"Colorado is a fertile ground for research and development of fuel cell technology. The existing national laboratories and universities bring resources, jobs, and talent to Colorado to improve its economy. We hope that the Colorado Fuel Cell Center will expedite a rapid, but feasible and practical deployment of this technology," said Rick Grice, OEMC executive director. "OEMC is extremely proud to present this solicitation. Fuel Cell technology strives to create efficient and affordable power, which would boost our national energy security."

To learn more about this solicitation, visit the State of Colorado website:

<http://www.gssa.state.co.us/BdSols.nsf/645a7f1deaf9ffe87256928005cc641/6a0ec0d641bb466487256f88007e26d5?OpenDocument>. Questions about content, deadlines and anything else are handled according to the State of Colorado RFP protocol, which is stated in the above link.

**About Colorado Governor's Office of Energy Management and Conservation (OEMC):**

As the lead state agency on energy efficiency and conservation issues, OEMC serves the people and businesses of Colorado through demonstration and education of viable, real-world solutions to the need to reduce our reliance on foreign energy. OEMC serves as a statewide advocate of energy efficiency through its programs and partnerships that benefit Colorado's economic and natural environment. OEMC receives federal funding, including U.S. Department of Energy, but no Colorado state tax dollars to support its activities. Contact OEMC at [www.state.co.us/oemc](http://www.state.co.us/oemc) or call toll-free, 800-632-6662.